

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4095
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2000
EXTENSION OF MATERNITY BENEFIT
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the recent judgement of the Supreme Court regarding extending maternity benefit to daily wage earners;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have issued instructions to all organisations under it to strictly follow the Supreme Court's orders; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

(SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Under the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 no distinction is made between permanent and daily wage workers. A woman employed for wages in any establishment directly or through any agency is already covered for maternity benefit as provided under the Act.